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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TSAI ET AL.

Serial No. 09/474,634

Filed: December 29, 1999

For: Biodegradable Thermoplastic Nonwoven
Webs For Fluid Management

Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: PRATT, C.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002, in the application identified above, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as follows and reconsideration of the rejected claims based on the following remarks.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00, the fee for a one-month extension of time. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$156.00, the fee for one additional independent claim and four additional dependent claims.

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